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PATENT



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: G. Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit/Examiner  
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 FOR: BIFURCATED ENDOLUMINAL :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination of the accompanying 37 CFR 1.60 application, please amend the identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

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Please add the following claims.

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1               54. (Newly added) A method for delivering a  
 2       bifurcated endoluminal stent or prosthesis having a  
 3       proximal portion and a first distal portion into the  
 4       vasculature at an anatomical bifurcation where a blood  
 5       vessel branches into a first branched vessel and a second  
 6       branched vessel, said method comprising the steps of:

7               (a) inserting a first introducer containing  
 8       said stent or prosthesis into the vasculature to a  
 9       predetermined delivery location, said first introducer  
 10      comprising an outer sheath, a proximal portion pusher,  
 11      and a distal portion pusher;

12               (b) withdrawing said outer sheath of said  
 13      first introducer while maintaining said proximal portion